

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 remain pending in the present application. Claim 16 has been added. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

### **PRIORITY DOCUMENTS**

On the Office Action Summary sheets previously mailed, the Examiner failed to check Box 13-a-1 to acknowledge that copies of the priority documents have been received. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of these documents.

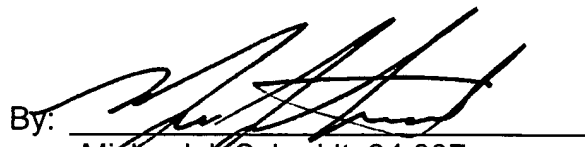
### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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